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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: QATARI MILITARY CHIEF COMMENTS ON KUWAIT'S PURCHASE  
OF SOVIET WEAPONS, ETC.

1. DURING APR 4 CONVERSATION WITH VISITING AMB MAESTRONE AND  
AMB, QATARI ARMED FORCES C-IN-C SHAYKH HAMAD BIN KHALIFA AL  
THANI MENTIONED ANNOUNCEMENT OF KUWAITI PURCHASE OF SOVIET  
WEAPONS. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, HAMAD SAID QATARIS DO NOT  
RPT NOT APPROVE OF THIS AND WOULD SO INFORM KUWAITIS. HE EXPRESSED  
CONCERN THAT PURCHASE WOULD BRING SOVIET MILITARY TRAINING  
MISSION INTO AREA, BUT WAS INFORMED THAT KUWAITIS APPARENTLY  
PLAN TO USE EGYPTIANS AND SYRIANS FAMILIAR WITH SOVIET WEAPONRY  
AS TRAINING CADRE.

2. HAMAD USED OCCASION TO BAD-MOUTH QUALITY OF EGYPTIANS  
WORKING IN GULF AND THEIR GENERAL UNPOPULARITY HERE. HE SAID  
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THAT IN QATAR THEY HAD PROVED THEMSELVES LAZY AND UNADAPTABLE.  
WE MENTIONED THAT WE FOUND HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD EGYPTIANS INTER-  
ESTING SINCE WE WERE AWARE THAT AN EGYPTIAN HAD RECENTLY BEEN RE-  
CRUITED TO HEAD QATARI NAVY. HAMAD BRUSHED THIS OFF, SAYING THAT THIS  
OFFICER WOULD SOON LEARN HOW UNPOPULAR EGYPTIANS WERE HERE AND  
THEN HE WOULD GO HOME\*

3. HAMAD USED SOVIET ARMS SALE TO KUWAIT TO PURSUE A FAVORITE THEME OF HIS, I.E. THAT US SUPPORT OF ISRAEL HAD OPENED AREA TO SOVIET PENETRATION AND HAD BLACKENED US IMAGE IN MID EAST. HE SAID US BIAS TOWARD ISRAEL HAD ENCOURAGED SOVIET DESIGNS ON REGION, IT WAS GULF'S TURN NEXT, AND THAT UNLESS WE SOLVED PALESTINIAN PROBLEM SOON SITUATION WOULD DETERIORATE FURTHER. IN THIS CONTEXT HE ALSO EXPRESSED APPREHENSION RE GULF SECURITY SHOULD SHAH BE REPLACED BY RADICALS.

4. WE OUTLINED RECENT US INITIATIVES TO CATALYZE MID EAST PEACE PROCESS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT'S RECENT STATEMENTS, SADAT'S CURRENT VISIT TO WASH., ETC., AND ALSO MADE POINT THAT IT WAS AS IMPORTANT FOR ARABS TO BRING PALESTINIANS AROUND TO NEGOTIABLE POSITIONS AS IT WAS FOR U.S. TO DO SAME WITH ISRAEL.  
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